



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

FUKUIZUMI, et al.

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For. METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREPARING CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS

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Date: February 27, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination and responsive to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003,  
please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

Amendments to the drawings begin on page two.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page three.

Remarks begin on page nineteen of this paper.